(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Gadhuli-Santalpur road in Gujarat

1207. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR:
SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount of Rs. 127.16 crores has been considered/approved by the Central Government for the purpose of construction/improvement of Gadhuli- Santalpur road in Gujarat;

(b) if so, by when the sanctioned amount would be released to Gujarat; and

(c) if not, the present status and the time by when the proposal of the State Government of Gujarat would be finally considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways in the country. The Gadhuli - Santalpur road is not a National Highway. The proposal of State Government of Rs. 127.16 crore for Gadhuli - Santalpur road was returned to State Government for modification. The revised proposal amounting to Rs. 165.83 crore has since been received and is under consideration with the Government.

ASSOCHAM survey on road accidents

1208. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. MABEL REBELLO:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the number of deaths in road accidents has exceeded four lakhs by the end of 2007 and it has increased from 40,000 in 1986 to 85,000 by 2001 and by 2010, in the absence of suitable mechanism, it could multiply manifold, as per a survey conducted by ASSOCHAM;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the above chamber has suggested constitution of a Bureau to address this issue;

(d) whether by 2010 the deaths through road accidents could multiply by at least one and a half times as vehicular traffic is witnessing an average annual growth of between 18 to 20 per cent in Chennai and in case of Delhi the increase is estimated around 30 per cent; and